

of this habit of *atropos* pupae coming to the soil surface *before* emergence of the moth.

*Macroglossum stellatarum* (L.). One specimen of this moth was seen at Kendal Wood on 14th August. Another specimen visited my son's brightly coloured shirt in the same garden on 23rd August. I also have note of an observation by Mr. Ralph Stokoe who saw a specimen in his garden at Cockermouth.

*Agrotis ipsilon* (Hufn.). First taken in the trap at Kendal Wood on 29th August. From then until mid-October it was a common visitor, especially in the middle fortnight of September.

*Autographa gamma* (L.). First appeared in the trap at Kendal Wood on 12th June. From then on a few occurred each night, more or less, until the end of October. From late August to mid-October this species was extremely common flying about the garden in daylight, visiting various flowers. The species was much more common than usual this year.

*Udea ferrugalis* (Hübner). Decidedly less common than usual. In fact, I recorded one specimen only in my trap on 18th August.

The common "whites" were extremely plentiful during the late summer months and were a pest on the Brassicas. A very few each of *Nomophila noctuella* (D. & S.) and *Plutella xylostella* (L.) visited the trap here in late August.

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LITHOPHANE LEAUTIERI BOISD. — FURTHER RECORDS FROM EAST SUSSEX. — In confirmation of previous notes regarding the favourable season enjoyed by Blair's Shoulder-knot during 1976 (*Ent. Rec.*, 89: 13, 16), I would like to report that my m.v. trap contained a total of seven of the species between September 25th and October 24th inclusive. These catches were preceded by a single example on October 7th, 1975, in the same area. — COLIN PRATT, "Oleander", 5 View Road, Peacehaven, Newhaven, Sussex.

THE SAND DART (*AGROTIS RIPAE* HBN.) IN LONDON. — After the night of 27th June, 1976, I was amazed to find in the m.v. trap in my garden a specimen of *Agrotis ripae*. Normally this species is never found at any distance from the coast. It was a night when moth populations were on the move, for in the same trap were my first two specimens from this area of *Idaea vulpinaria atrosignaria* Lempke; however, the most likely explanation must be that the *ripae* specimen was accidentally brought here in a vehicle. It was a worn specimen, taken on a Sunday night after a hot weekend and the favourite resorts with the local inhabitants are on the Essex coast where the species occurs. — DAVID AGASSIZ, St. James' Vicarage, 144 Hertford Road, Enfield, Middx.